

CEMETERY

Mount Hope Cemetery is the only cemetery owned and maintained by the Town of Southern Pines. It is located on a wooded hill west of highway U. S. 1 on Morganton Road. The present cemetery is approximately 80 percent full. However, the town owns approximately 30 acres of land west of the cemetery which could be developed in the future.

Maintenance of the cemetery is the responsibility of the town. In the past, one man was hired to maintain the cemetery. Recently, the sanitation department has not kept a man at the cemetery. Instead, a crew is assigned to work there on an "as needed" basis.

The cost of land and maintenance is passed on to the user through the sale of cemetery lots and grave opening fees. Cemetery lots are sold either as single lots or as family lots with space for five graves. The charge for family lots is \$450 for residents and \$700 for non-residents. Single lots cost \$75 for residents and \$125 for non-residents. A \$25 grave opening fee is charged also.

Recommendations

Since 1950 Southern Pines has added approximately three acres to Mount Hope Cemetery. These additions were platted and developed on an "as needed" basis. At present there are five or ten acres immediately west of the cemetery suitable for development. Additional town-owned land is available if required. At the present rate of use, this land will be sufficient for the planning period. It is recommended that the present policy of adding to the cemetery be maintained.